

Pre-Assessment: Read the questions on the SmartBoard and write your answer on the lines below.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Without appositives Overall Score: ____/3

Try Again: Read the questions on the SmartBoard and write your answer on the lines below.

4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

With appositives Overall Score: ____/3

Recognize an **appositive** when you see one.

Definition:

Look at these examples:

The insect, **a cockroach**, is crawling across the kitchen table.

The insect, **a large cockroach**, is crawling across the kitchen table.

The insect, **a large cockroach with hairy legs**, is crawling across the kitchen table.

The insect, **a large, hairy-legged cockroach that has spied my bowl of oatmeal**, is crawling across the kitchen table.

Identify and underline the appositives in these examples:

During the dinner conversation, Clifford, the messiest eater at the table, spewed mashed potatoes like an erupting volcano.

My 286 computer, a modern-day dinosaur, chews floppy disks as noisily as my brother does peanut brittle.

Genette's bedroom desk, the biggest disaster area in the house, is a collection of overdue library books, dirty plates, computer components, old mail, cat hair, and empty potato chip bags.

Reliable, Diane's eleven-year-old beagle, chews holes in the living room carpeting as if he were still a puppy.

Purpose:

Punctuate the appositive correctly!

The important point to remember is that a nonessential appositive is **always separated** from the rest of the sentence with (a) comma(s).

When the appositive *begins* the sentence, it looks like this:

A hot-tempered tennis player, Robbie charged the umpire and tried to crack the poor man's skull with a racket.

When the appositive *interrupts* the sentence, it looks like this:

Robbie, **a hot-tempered tennis player**, charged the umpire and tried to crack the poor man's skull with a racket.

And when the appositive *ends* the sentence, it looks like this:

Upset by the bad call, the crowd cheered Robbie, **a hot-tempered tennis player who charged the umpire and tried to crack the poor man's skull with a racket.**

Apply what you've learned:

Read each sentence below. Identify and underline the appositive in each, and add the appropriate punctuation:

Example: The oldest clock is at Salisbury Cathedral, a church in England.

1. Nancy Gold the blonde-haired girl is the top-seller of the day.
2. Football a game loved by millions of people is becoming even more popular.
3. Robots which are machines are made to act like people.
4. In Superman, a powerful foe Lex Luthor clashes with the hero.
5. The police chief a renowned cadet watched over the crowd.
6. Of the band's twelve early songs, the most popular is "Last Kiss" their first song based on real events.
7. The Olsen Clock the most complicated clock in the world is installed in the Copenhagen Tower Hall in Denmark.
8. Alex Yu a well-known stage actor thinks that the play was very well done.
9. Catfish a fish with no scales has a better chance of survival.
10. Living matter much of which is invisible to the naked eye is composed mainly of four elements.